

House Watch

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MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

[HB 5898](#)

(Moolenaar)

MBT tax incentive for solar manufacturing facility in Kentwood.

- The House concurred in the Senate substitute [RC 716: 108 yes, 1 no]

FINAL PASSAGE

[HB 5766](#)

(Ebli)

The bill would require railroad corporations to place whistle post signs to the right of the main track in the direction of approach exactly one-quarter mile from the entrance to any grade crossings. This would be to notify locomotive engineers who blow a whistle and ring a bell as the locomotive approaches the grade crossing as a warning to the public. The whistle post sign would consist of a "W" identifiable on a square plate mounted on a post. It would have to be visible to a locomotive engineer in a cab, be kept in good repair, and replaced promptly when necessary.

- Committee substitute H-1 adopted
- HB 5766 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 5766 was passed [RC 712: 61 yes, 48 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 5953**(Gonzales)**

House Bill 5953 would include felony violations of the Identity Theft Protection Act and violations of Section 145d of the Michigan Penal Code, which pertains to certain violations involving the Internet or a computer, in the definition of racketeering.

- Committee amendment-1 adopted
- Committee amendment-2 adopted
- HB 5953 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 5953 was passed [RC 713: 109 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 5954**(Spade)**

The bill would add several new sections to the Identity Theft Protection Act (MCL 445.74 et al.) to identify property subject to forfeiture, establish forfeiture procedures, authorize the seizing agency to retain or sell seized property, and require a seizing agency to submit a summary report annually to the attorney general for forwarding to the legislature regarding forfeiture of property. The provisions are similar to those in the Public Health Code regarding the seizure and forfeiture of property related to crimes involving controlled substances.

- Committee substitute H-3 adopted
- Schuitmaker-2 adopted
- Schuitmaker-3 adopted
- HB 5954 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 5954 was passed [RC 714: 101 yes, 8 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 6287**(Wojno)**

Allow access to certain adoption records unless a denial is on record.

- Sheen-1 adopted
- Wojno-2 adopted
- Sheen-3 adopted
- HB 6287 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 6287 was passed [RC 715: 99 yes, 10 no]
- IE was ordered